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Application Number	09/173,858
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First Named Inventor	Bart Alan MELTZER et al.
Art Unit	2178
Examiner Name	Cong Lac T. HUYNH
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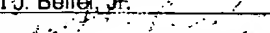
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In re Application of:

Bart Alan MELTZER et al.

Application No. 09/173,858

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Filed: 16 October 1998

Title: **Documents for Commerce in Trading Partner
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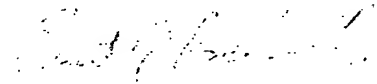
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In connection with the above-referenced U.S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [X] **RCE Transmittal** (\$790 filing fee enclosed);
- [X] **Preliminary Response Accompanying RCE**; for which no claims fee is due;
- [X] A one-month extension of time to file this response is requested, up to and including 30 January 2005 (Sunday) or 31 January 2005 (Monday).
- [X] **Credit Card Authorization Form** is attached (\$790 + 120 = \$910).

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Respectfully submitted,



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